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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed March 23, 2005, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants enclose herewith: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (two months, to and including April 19, 2005); (b) a Request for Continued Examination; and (c) an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to schedule the requested interview.

Please amend the application as follows: